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WOP Personnel

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1. The Commander-in-Chief of the Military Border Guard (Wojsko Ochrony Pogranicza -- WOP) was Col. PRZONSKI (fnu), who had his headquarters in Warsaw. 50X1
2. the WOP was divided into 12 brigades
 A WOP brigade was usually divided into four or five battalions, the brigade at Raciborz N 50-05, E 18-12 had six battalions. Each battalion had about six border watch points and one border contact point. 50X1
3. I recall the following personalities and their assignments in the 4th WOP Brigade, Gliwice N 50-70, E 18-40, 50X1
 - a. AGMAM (fnu), Col., 50, Commander of the 4th WOP Brigade, Gliwice.
 - b. FURGALA (fnu), Maj., 26, Brigade Chief of Staff.
 - c. DUBOWY (fnu), Capt., 55, Instructor in Battle Tactics.
 - d. STOJ (fnu), Capt., 55, Brigade Quartermaster.
 - e. PLESINSKI (fnu), Maj., 60, Veterinarian.
 - f. WALTER (fnu), Capt., 40, Ordnance Officer.

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- g. BARTNIK (fnu), Lt., 27, Assistant Ordnance Officer.
- h. LEWICKI (fnu), Capt., 50, Motor Pool Officer.
- i. MASZONSKI (fnu), Lt., 46, Doctor.

4. I recall the following personalities and their assignments in the 43rd WOP Battalion, Raciborz, 50X1

- a. WASOWSKI (fnu), Capt., 27, Battalion Commander.
- b. GEMBASZEWSKI (fnu), Lt., 30, Battalion Chief of Staff.
- c. KACZOROWSKI (fnu), 2nd Lt., 27, Assistant Chief of Staff.
- d. JOLSON (fnu), Capt., 28, Intelligence Officer.
- e. PUCHALA (fnu), Lt., 30, Quartermaster.
- f. SLADOWSKI (fnu), Lt., 29, Veterinarian.
- g. MALINOWSKI (fnu), 2nd Lt., 28, Doctor.
- h. LESZCZYNSKI (fnu), Lt., 28, Communications Officer.
- i. SAKRAJDA (fnu), Lt., 26, Reconnaissance Officer.
- j. PAWLIK (fnu), Lt., 27, Reconnaissance Officer.
- k. JANICKI (fnu), Standard-bearer, 26, Reconnaissance Section.
- l. CHROSZCZ (fnu), Senior Sgt., 26, Reconnaissance Section.
- m. WITOWSKI (fnu), Sgt., 27, Reconnaissance Section.
- n. ABRAMCZUK (fnu), Cpl., 24, Reconnaissance Section.
- o. NOWAK (fnu), Plat. CO, 25, Uniform Store.
- p. JASINSKI (fnu), Plat. CO, 25, Document Control Clerk.
- q. SERGIEL (fnu), Plat. CO, 27, Chief of Codes.
- r. MARCHEWKA (fnu), Sgt., 27, Keeper of the Dogs
- s. KWASNIEWSKI (fnu), Sgt., 27, Investigations Officer.

50X1 5. Personalities at various watch points as of the same date include:

- a. Watch Point 209 - Gorzyce ~~N~~ 49-57, E 18-257:
 - PIGLA (fnu), Senior Sgt., 25, Watch Point Commander.
 - JESZKE (fnu), Standard-bearer, 26, Political Affairs NCO.
- b. Watch Point 210 - Halupki:
 - DABROWIECKI (fnu), Capt., 28, Watch Point Commander.
 - WOJCIECHOWSKI (fnu), Sgt., 26, Investigations NCO.

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c. Watch Point 211 - Owscszcze

PROSTAK (fnu), Plat. CO, 25, Watch Point Commander.

GERA (fnu), Plat. CO, 24, Investigations NCO.

d. Watch Point 213 - Kietrz N 50-05, E 18-00

NIEMIER (fnu), Sgt., 26, Investigations NCO.

e. Watch Point 214 - Sciborzyce

MURIAS (fnu), 2nd Lt., 25, Watch Point Commander.

6. The Arms and Ammunition Dump of the 4th WOP Brigade was located on Ulica Daszynskiego, Gliwice. The Arms and Ammunition Dump of the 43rd WOP Battalion was located on Ulica Stelmacha, Raciborz.

WOP Weapons

7. The following is an ordnance report on WOP weapons:

- a. Pistol TT (Tyrow Tyrowa), 7.62 mm, of Russian origin. This seemed to be a good weapon which presented few ordnance problems. [redacted] the major breakage problem with this weapon was the firing pin.
- b. Rifle Szpagina, Models 1938 and 1944, 7.62 mm. The trigger broke very often on this weapon, although it was tested to withstand three kilos of force. [redacted] this breakage was due to poor materials. The ejector was another malfunctioning part, and the firing pin spring wore out rapidly.
- c. Submachine gun, Degtyarev, 7.62 mm. The stock of this weapon deteriorated at the point where the metal of the weapon joined the stock. The release spring was also faulty.
- d. Heavy Machine Gun, Maksym, 7.62 mm. This was the best weapon available to the WOP and did not create any ordnance problems beyond normal wear and tear with use.

WOP Training

8. WOP basic training lasted three months. Weapons were issued to recruits after the second week and each man kept the weapon issued to him during his service in that particular brigade. Early training consisted of preliminary marksmanship and weapons familiarization. Later, field training in marksmanship was conducted by career non-commissioned officers on the firing range. [redacted] practice firing took place at target number 11, a moving target of a man's silhouette painted green, and target number 7, a stationary human silhouette with rings painted on it. At the beginning of the course political indoctrination took up four to five hours a day, but this lessened as training progressed. Lectures in this subject covered such topics as Western imperialism and the need for Poland to defend herself against Western aggression. Border control recruits were also instructed in how to treat civilians, suspicious people, and known informants, in carrying out their duties. [redacted]

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